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**House Bill 6680, An Act Concerning State Marshals, Judicial Marshals,  
Witness Fees And The Service Of Process**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, on House Bill 6680, *An Act Concerning State Marshals, Judicial Marshals, Witness Fees, and the Service of Process*. We have one concern with the bill that we would like to bring to the Committee's attention.

In regards to Section 6, we would respectfully note what may be an inconsistency. Under existing law - which is not amended by the bill - the clerk of the court is to pay the fee of any witness summoned by the state to appear before the court; the new language - which immediately follows the existing language - states that this fee is to be paid to the witness by the authority or agency requesting the witnesses' appearance. Thus, if a witness were to be summoned by a prosecutor or an assistant attorney general, it is unclear as to whether the witness would be paid by the court or by the Chief State's Attorney/Office of the Attorney General.

If, conversely, the new language is intended to apply to non-state authorities or agencies, we would respectfully request that this be clarified in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.